

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 969**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins**

February 18, 2011

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An act to amend Section 14105.22 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 969, as introduced, Atkins. Medi-Cal: clinical laboratory and laboratory services.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law provides that reimbursement for clinical laboratory or laboratory services, as defined, may not exceed 80% of the lowest maximum allowance established by the federal Medicare program for the same or similar services.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14105.22 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 14105.22. Reimbursement for clinical laboratory or laboratory
- 4 services, as defined in Section 51137.2 of Title 22 of the California

- 1 Code of Regulations, may not ~~exceed~~ *surpass* 80 percent of the
- 2 lowest maximum allowance established by the federal Medicare
- 3 program for the same or similar services.

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